


MODERNIZED CDL BASIC CONTROL SKILLS TEST GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

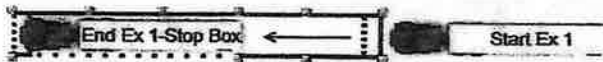
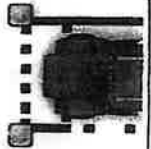
For the Basic Control Skills test, you will demonstrate your ability to maneuver a commercial vehicle around other objects as described in Section 12 of the CDL Driver's Manual. You will receive points for changing direction to gain a better position, crossing over or touching boundary lines or cones and for your final position. You may be permitted to exit the vehicle to check around the vehicle during backing exercises. When exiting or entering the vehicle, you must set your parking brake, place the vehicle in neutral, and safely exit/enter while maintaining three points of contact at all times.

If you open the door, move from a seated position when in physical control of the vehicle, [or on a bus, walk to the back to get a better view], you will be scored for a look.


You must complete the exercise as directed. If you see me raise my hand (like this ) [and I blow the whistle], stop and return your vehicle within the exercise boundary lines. I will give you specific instructions for each exercise prior to performing them. Do you have any questions?

Step 1 – Forward Stop

You will demonstrate your ability to judge the front of your vehicle during a controlled stop. Drive forward through the alley and stop with the front most part of the vehicle in the box without going past the front of the alley. (POINT to the front part of the vehicle that will be scored). You may stop only once. When you have stopped, set your parking brake, shift to neutral and sound the horn. Do you have any questions?



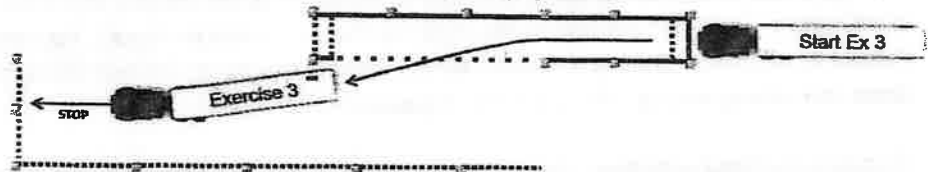
Step 2 – Straight-line Backing

You will demonstrate your ability to back a vehicle in a straight line. Pull forward and stop when I raise my hand (like this ) . Then back straight through the alley until the front of your vehicle has cleared the last set of cones at the far end of the alley. You are allowed 1 free pull-up and may safely exit the vehicle only 1 time to check around the vehicle. Set your parking brake, shift to neutral and sound your horn when you have completed the exercise. Do you have any questions?



Step 3 – Forward Offset Tracking

You will demonstrate your ability to maneuver a vehicle around other objects while moving forward. Drive forward and steer to the left through the opening into the opposite lane, keeping the right most rear tire between the cone and the line. There are NO free back-ups, and you are NOT permitted to exit the vehicle during this exercise. Stop your vehicle when you are parallel to the outer boundary, prior to or at the cones at the far end of the exercise. When you have stopped, set your parking brake, shift to neutral and sound the horn. Do you have any questions?



Step 4 – Reverse Offset Backing

You will demonstrate your ability to offset back and park a vehicle at the end of an alley. Starting parallel with the outer boundary, offset back into the alley, bringing the rear most part of your vehicle within 3 feet of the rear of the alley. Stop with the rear most part of the vehicle in the box. (POINT to the rear part of the vehicle that will be scored). Your vehicle must be within all boundary lines when completed. You may not go beyond the outer boundary line (point to boundary line). You are allowed 2 free pull-ups and may exit the vehicle a maximum of 2 times to check around the vehicle during this exercise. Set your parking brake, shift to neutral and sound your horn when you have completed the exercise. Do you have any questions?

